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many had been exposed. While the health authorities are impressed with the possibilities for a large number of cases, their energetic and radical measures will no doubt prevent anything approaching an epidemic. Thus far the disease is located solely on the east side of the city, which is populated largely by a foreign element. The authorities are hampered by the lack of isolation facilities, the city isolation hospital being already taxed to its utmost.

Respectfully,

EUGENE WASDIN,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

BUFFALO, N. Y., *November 26, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that there applied at this dispensary on yesterday for treatment Seaman J. J. Corcoran, suffering from variola. The disease evidently had been contracted from exposure in Duluth, the man reaching this point by rail. In this connection I submit for your information the latest report from the office of the health commissioner of Buffalo in regard to the smallpox status in the city. Since the 23d there have probably occurred 10 cases more, with an additional death.

Respectfully,

EUGENE WASDIN,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Arrival at Reedy Island Quarantine of vessels from West Indian ports.*

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,  
*via Port Penn, Del., November 24, 1901.*

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River, I have the honor to report the arrival at this station of the following vessels: November 20, 1901, American tug *Cuba*, with barges *Sagua* and *Havana*, from Havana; no passengers; bill of health signed by Surgeon Glennan; American schooner *Catawanteak*, from Baracoa, with cocoanuts; no passengers; bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. Lores Llorens.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.*

*Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from South American and West Indian ports.*

BALTIMORE, MD., *November 30, 1901.*

SIR: I have to report the arrival at this port of the following vessels from the ports named for the week ended this day: November 25, American barkentine *Josephine*, from Rio de Janeiro, with coffee; British steamship *Drumelzier*, from Daiquiri, with ore; British steamship *Straits of Dover*, from Santiago de Cuba, with ore. November 29, British steamship *Grayfield*, from Santiago de Cuba, with ore.

Respectfully,

WM. F. STONE,  
*Collector.*

#### REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

*Eagle Pass, Tex., November 24, 1901—Inspection service.*—I have the honor to report the following summary of transactions at this port for the week ended November 23, 1901: Number of regular passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 7; number of passengers on trains inspected and passed, 140; number of excursion trains returning from C. P. Diaz,